

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

**June 18, 2009**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on June 11, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 17, 2009 in the amount of &237,085.39 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of June 11-17, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from May 4-June 16, 2009
- Report the Zoning Board of Appeals for June 15, 2009
- Statement of cash receipts from the Public Library for May 2009 in the total amount of \$8,076.60
- Finance Dept Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for May 2009

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

- none -

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5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$9,747,235.51 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

None

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7. OTHER ITEMS

**A.** Request from WPCP to award Contract #2009-07, Electrical Services to Grayco Electric in the total amount of \$108,103.08.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves WPCP to award Contract #2009-07, Electrical Services to Grayco Electric in the total amount of \$108,103.08.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B.** Request to provide support to the construction of the roof top highway in Clinton County and urge assistance of elected state and federal officials to make it a reality, a resolution will be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the support of the roof top highway in Clinton County and urges assistance of elected state and federal officials to make it a reality, a resolution will be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson  
**Discussion:**

**Councilor Jackson** said what bothers him about this is that the City put forth a legitimate stimulus package and followed all the rules and we haven't received anything. Jackson said he has a tough time voting in support of some other stimulus package when we can't get a straight answer.

**Councilor Rabideau** said he agrees with Councilor Kelly's point that we never have seen any plans.

Rabideau said he was a little familiar with it because he attended some meetings about four years ago but never has seen any real plans.

**Councilor Kelly** submitted his response. See attached sheet.

**Councilor Calnon** said a plan has existed for 20 years at least. We did receive a general map of the route which is designed to be implemented in pieces. Jackson made a good point. Calnon said he was in favor of supporting transportation improvements and they should include rail, water, and air. Calnon said we should take the movement of energy into account. Can they run a gas pipe line, will we get congestion charges later, and our power routing is better north and south than it is east and west. Although there is a plan for a road there should be a much more inclusive plan to improve all modes of transportation and all modes of transporting goods and services. We probably shouldn't take any action on this until we have a better understanding of where the stimulus money goes.

**Councilor Carpenter** said he has traveled route 11 and 90 and they move well and flow good. Carpenter has heard about it for almost 20 years. He called Jason Clark the Chairman of the North Board of Transportation and he said there is no official plan but ideas and attended plans. Carpenter said it is to stretch from Maine to the west side of New York. Jason is dealing with the northern New York part. The idea is for commercial traffic. Carpenter said Jason would like us to promote it and he has offered to talk to us.

**Councilor Valentine** said they are just reaching out to everyone in the general area. Valentine agrees withholding off until we see about the stimulus money.

**Councilor Kelly** said we should look at multiple transportations like rail. Rail would be something to get excited about as well as moving power.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said he has no problem tabling this until a future date. Development Authority of the North Country released their report in December of 2008. It has been discussed for quite a while and plenty of information. US Senator Schumer and Clinton secured appropriations for the rooftop highway. Clinton said to strengthen economies of water in Plattsburgh we must improve the safety and quality of roads that link it. Kasprzak doubts it will ever happen however Councilor Jackson's point of no stimulus is legitimate. Where would the North Country be if I-87 was never built, or Vermont if I-89 wasn't there, and if there was no improvements to the infrastructures in Lake Placid for the Olympics? Kasprzak said he supports creating jobs, shopping, and tourism, however there isn't enough facts right now.

**Councilor Kelly** asked what the price of this project is.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said it was in the billions.

**Councilor Jackson** said to postpone which was Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

**ACTION TAKEN:** Postponed

Follow up Action: None

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C. Request from Willie Watson to hold a Mayor's Cup Fun Run & Ride on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 starting at 11:30 a.m.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Willie Watson to hold a Mayor's Cup Fun Run & Ride on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 starting at 11:30 a.m.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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D. Request from the City Engineer to for the Mayor to be authorized to sign an application to the State of New York Office of General Services for the transfer and conveyance of an easement in and over certain State lands known as the State University of New York at Plattsburgh for the purposes of the Multi-Use Path Construction project.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign an application to the State of New York Office of General Services for the transfer and conveyance of an easement in and over certain State lands known as the State University of New York at Plattsburgh for the purposes of the Multi-Use Path Construction project.

By Councilor Rabideau; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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E. Request from MLD to write off unpaid finals bills from August 1-31, 2008 in the total amount of \$3,713.24.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write off unpaid finals bills from August 1-31, 2008 in the total amount of \$3,713.24.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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F. Request from MLD that the Mayor be authorized to sign a letter authorizing the purchase of 64 Transmission Congestion Contracts from NYISO for the amount of \$332,458.00.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign a letter authorizing the purchase of 64 Transmission Congestion Contracts from NYISO for the

amount of \$332,458.00.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion:

**Councilor Jackson** said Transmission Congestion is the amount of energy that flows through the lines. If there is positive or negative energy it costs money. Up until two years ago NYMPA used to pay for it but the cost has become great. We are purchasing 64 TCCs which was determined to be the optimum number to purchase which will save us money. We will watch closely.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G.** Request from WPCP to award Capital Project H8130.53 replacement of WPCP roofs to Monahan Brothers, Inc. in the total amount of \$187,777.00.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves WPCP to award Capital Project H8130.53 replacement of WPCP roofs to Monahan Brothers, Inc. in the total amount of \$187,777.00.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H.** Request from the City Engineer to award Contract #2009-10 "Cleaning & Painting of Samuel de Champlain Monument" to Plattsburgh Memorials in the total amount of \$28,000.00.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to award Contract #2009-10 "Cleaning & Painting of Samuel de Champlain Monument" to Plattsburgh Memorials in the total amount of \$28,000.00.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I.** Request from the City Engineer to exclude trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors, tractor-trailer combinations, tractor-semitrailer combinations, and tractor-trailer-semitrailer combinations from Kansas Avenue between New York Road and Connecticut Road.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City

Engineer to exclude trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors, tractor-trailer combinations, tractor-semitrailer combinations, and tractor-trailer-semitrailer combinations from Kansas Avenue between New York Road and Connecticut Road.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**J.** Request from the City Chamberlain to approve a refunding bond resolution of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, authorizing the refunding of \$750,000 various purpose serial bonds of 1997 and \$7,675,000 various purpose serial bonds of 2001 of said City, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$8,700,000 refunding serial bonds of said City to finance said appropriation, and making certain determinations all relative thereto, according to the attached detailed resolution to be adopted and included in the minutes of this meeting, accompanied in the record by extract and estoppel certifications to be supplied after required legal notice has been published.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the refunding bond resolution of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, authorizing the refunding of \$750,000 various purpose serial bonds of 1997 and \$7,675,000 various purpose serial bonds of 2001 of said City, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$8,700,000 refunding serial bonds of said City to finance said appropriation, and making certain determinations all relative thereto, according to the attached detailed resolution to be adopted and included in the minutes of this meeting, accompanied in the record by extract and estoppel certifications to be supplied after required legal notice has been published.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion:

**Councilor Jackson** said we are trying to get a better rate for our bonding. We are trying to refinance old debt at a lower rate to save money.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

- 1.** Request from Community Development to award Project Main St. #1 at 25 Bridge Street to Handy Dan "D" Home Improvement.

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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor Kasprzak** announced that there will be a Waterfront Park Grand Opening Ceremony tomorrow at 11am.

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**10. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 6:00 pm